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THE german recently given by the German Club, in itself a decided success, is without doubt the outcome of a spirit which can not be too highly commended. It is a movement in the direction of brightening the social side of our college life. Grind, continually grind, is the root principle of life at Lehigh, and when any attempt is made to break the monotony of existence here we can not but welcome it with delight. Our best wishes are with the club in its laudable efforts and we hope sincerely that the succeeding germans will be equally as pleasant as the one just past.

WE have the pleasure of chronicling in this issue the banquets of two Lehigh Associations, both meeting for the first time to pledge the health of the University. The organization at Washington is the fourth of its kind, all formed within the present collegiate year, with aims and enthusiasm as high as any, and organized on broad lines to include all Lehigh men, irrespective of graduation.

We have referred at various times to the value of these associations for the promotion and maintenance of college spirit and interest among the old men and for bringing Lehigh directly to the notice of the general public. Infected with some of the enthusiasm conveyed in the letters of our correspondents, we wish to emphasize all previous statements and express to the members of the quartet of associations the acknowledgments of the undergraduate body.

As the University enters upon its second quarter century of corporate existence is it not a matter of congratulation that faculty, alumni and undergraduates are found working for a common end, in the class room, in the city and on the athletic field? Every one of us should become so imbued while here with Lehigh doctrines that he would carry away with him a missionary spirit, and then associations would be formed wherever any number of Lehigh men were gathered together. We are glad to tell the stories of two banquets: may our successors write of twenty!

EVERY one admires the man who, in answer to a demand for a subscription, honestly replies that he can not afford it. In canvassing for base-ball subscriptions a few such answers have been received and in one case the canvasser had the tact to ask the individual for his good wishes. However, there seems to be a class of men here, hard as it is to believe, who absolutely refuse to subscribe to base-ball, and probably they have adopted the same attitude towards lacrosse, their reason, thinly veiled in some instances, openly avowed by one man, being that they wished to spend their money on themselves, for "fencing and other things." Were the subscriptions demanded exorbitant, of an amount the payment of which would involve considerable

self-denial, there might be some excuse for these men. But one is simply asked to give what he can afford, and the amount is left to be determined by his college spirit and the size of his purse.

A moment's reflection will show what college life would be if all acted in this way. No sports nor entertainments would relieve the dull monotony of recitations and we should all degenerate into mere grinds. No one for an instant denies the value of athletics as an important element of student life, a necessary adjunct to the production of a well rounded character, in which mental and physical attributes are happily united. If this be so, we ask what excuse is there for those who deliberately shirk their part in the work? Men of this character are not wanted in any community and there is no room for them at Lehigh. We hope any to whom these remarks may apply will reconsider their former decision and remove the sting of condemnation that rests upon them. There should be no necessity of ever referring to the matter again.

WITHIN the last decade the ratio of students to instructors in American universities has steadily decreased, simultaneously with a large increase in the number of elective courses. In two directions we are thus advancing towards individualism in education. The instructor has more time to devote to each individual under his charge, who is in turn afforded a better opportunity for the cultivation of his particular talents. A professor has ceased to be a drill sergeant and while the best soldier is still the one most apt in drill, the best student is not necessarily he who has the subjects of his course at his fingers' ends. The reform has not yet extended to primary education and from the circumstances of the case many years will certainly elapse before the present methods of discipline can be superseded. But fortunately at college a man is no longer forced to his books, nor are all compelled to pursue the same studies.

In the closing years the student is asked to educate himself, he is encouraged to study his own disposition and capabilities thoroughly, and to choose the life work for which he is best fitted. His instructors make him the subject of careful thought, and endeavor to fit themselves as his advisors, giving him the benefit of their wider experience. He is taught to regard them as friends and not as masters, as fellow-laborers in a common cause. An education like this develops to their greatest extent special talents. Graduating classes have not the same uniformity of culture as formerly; there is probably more difference between the highest and lowest, but the highest is higher than ever before.

Thus the already existing causes tending to the production of specialists are re-inforced. This face-to-face contact of student and instructor makes imperative a full recognition of teaching as a noble and important profession, become the more so with the increased influence and responsibility of the teacher. Only in this way can the high standard of character among educators be maintained and individualism in education be assured its future role in the advancement of learning.

THE MEETING.

IN the darkness of the hushed and tranquil eve,
 I waited for her coming,
 Banishing from mind the coarser thoughts that weave
 Unwelcomely, their cold and worldly shroud
 About me. I arose, and cried aloud,
 In the darkness of the hushed and tranquil eve,
 "I wait, Love, for your coming!"
 But she came not to allay my deepened grief,
 As waiting for her coming,
 Doubt, the greatest foe to tender heart's belief,
 Came stealthily to shake my love-born faith!
 But list! That voice! A voice that warmly saith,
 Tremulous and softly as the falling leaf,
 "My Love! my own! I'm coming!"

'86.—Mr. C. H. Veeder, connected with the Thomson-Houston Electric Company, is paying considerable attention to electrical mining machinery. He has recently completed designs for a 60 H. P. electric locomotive.

THE GOSSIP.

THE Gossip chanced to overhear several members of the Orchestra discussing the proposed trips of the musical organizations and it is evident from the remarks they let fall that they were under the impression that only a string quintet would be taken with the Glee and Banjo Clubs, the rest of the players to be left, like Achilles, sulking in their tents. The Gossip pretends to know very little about financial affairs, and it may easily be that the expenses of the entire Orchestra would be very large, but from an acquaintance of several years standing with the various organizations he can safely assure the manager that the Orchestra is as fully capable of playing for its supper as the others are, like Tommy Tucker, of singing for theirs. If the trips are attended with financial embarrassment, it will not be because the orchestra fails to draw an audience.

* * *

The Gossip in looking over the lists of those training for base-ball and lacrosse was struck by the fact that no Seniors and only two Juniors are candidates for the nine, while in lacrosse '91 has just three representatives, '92 having a dozen or more. Though this state of affairs is not very creditable to '91, it promises well for our athletic interests, for the teams of 1891 will not be affected by graduation and the ball nine, at any rate, should remain practically unchanged for two years. The Gossip is glad to note the number of under classmen in training and hopes that in both of the lower classes a number of good athletes will be developed, to increase the reputation already gained by Lehigh in field sports and to regain our lost prestige in track athletics. In two years these men will stand at the head of college affairs and they must employ the present to fit themselves for the future.

* * *

The Gossip feels that he must run the risk of having a "chestnut bell" rung on him and again say a word in regard to the way the men stand out in front of the chapel on Sunday

mornings. He must, indeed, be a man of rather obtuse sensibilities who can not see the impropriety of forcing ladies to walk through a double row of men blowing smoke in their faces and subjecting them to a scrutiny which, to speak mildly, is far from agreeable.

The Gossip has referred to this matter several times and Dr. Lamberton has also spoken of it. "A word to the wise is sufficient," runs the old saw. A good many words have been said about this and they have not been sufficient. We leave the reader to draw his own inferences.

THE DINNER OF THE LEHIGH CLUB OF NEW YORK.

THE first annual dinner of the Lehigh Club of New York was given at Delmonico's on the evening of Monday, February 9, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the incorporation of the University by the Legislature of this state. On account of the short notice given, the number present was not so large as was expected, but still there were enough to make a good table-full, to swell the enthusiasm to extremely large proportions and to make the celebration a most enjoyable one in every respect. Dr. Coppée was the honored guest of the evening, and another welcome friend of the University present was Prof. William K. Gillett, now at the head of the department of modern languages in the University of the City of New York, who was an instructor at Lehigh from 1885 to 1889. The first three classes graduated from the University were represented by Charles E. Ronaldson, '69, the president of the club, who presided; Dr. Henry R. Price, '70, of Brooklyn, and William Hull McCarthy, '71. Other classes were represented as follows: '78 by H. F. J. Porter; '83 by A. E. Forstall, H. A. Porterfield, of Pittsburg, and John Ruddle, of Mauch Chunk; '84 by A. P. Smith, J. W. Kellogg and R. G. Cooke; '85 by J. W. Peale; '86 by H. W. Frauenthal; '88 by W. H. Hubbard; '89 by C. H. Deans and W. D. Farwell; '90 by T. S. Leoser, '92 by Lewis Orozco, and '93 by Miguel Orozco.

When the dinner had been stowed away the company resolved itself into the committee of the whole with A. P. Smith in the chair as toastmaster. All the rules were laid aside and Dr. Coppée and Dr. Lamberton were unanimously elected honorary members; and then the acting president arose to speak for the University. The warm reception given him showed in how great honor and affection he is held by Lehigh men. He spoke eloquently of his subject, and his allusion to his service to the University of a quarter of a century—almost a third of his life—was applauded to the echo. Mr. Porter responded to the sentiment "The Olden Days," giving most interesting reminiscences of the time when he was in college; and Dr. Price, who followed him, went farther back, to the period when all exercises were held and the students lived in Christmas and Packer Halls—that part of the latter east of the drawing rooms and the museum being completed and occupied in September, 1868. He also told of some of the fights between "town and gown" which occurred in those days. Mr. Ronaldson spoke briefly for "The Lehigh Club." Mr. Smith handled "The Law" with delicacy and humor. Prof. Gillett made an able response to "Our Sister Universities." Dr. Frauenthal told the story and glory of "Lehigh Athletics;" Mr. Forstall gave vent to some "Lehigh Gas;" Mr. Hubbard spoke for "The Electricians;" Mr. Cooke made some witty remarks on "The Press." After a few impromptu speeches the meeting adjourned, to sing some of the old familiar college songs. The college cheer, which it will be remembered was adopted only about five years ago, was a puzzle to some of the old "boys," but after dislocating their jaws several times they "got onto it" and made themselves heard.

In every feature the dinner was a complete success, and the sentiment of the gathering was that any Lehigh man within a radius of twenty miles of the metropolis taking upon himself the responsibility of staying away from

the next dinner, which will take place on February 9, 1892, would merit a large dose of tar and feathers.

THE WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF LEHIGH ALUMNI.

A PRELIMINARY meeting, largely attended, was held in the parlors of Willard's on January 15, and temporary officers elected. Plans for organization were discussed and a committee on permanent organization appointed with instructions to make arrangements for a meeting and banquet Feb. 12, at which time their report should be presented.

The banquet was held on that date in the tea room of Willard's, handsomely decorated for the occasion. Laughter and good fellowship were the order of the hour and one of the pleasantest features was the greetings of those who had not met since their college days. Many letters of regret were received from alumni unavoidably detained by business engagements, the enforced absence of Miles Rock, '69, being especially regretted.

Articles of association were adopted providing for an active organization, modeled somewhat after the main association. It was unanimously decided to admit to membership all who attended Lehigh a term or more. The officers elected were: Miles Rock, '69, president; F. P. Spaulding, '80, first vice president; Felix Freyhold, '85, second vice president; Asa E. Phillips, '90, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee consists of the officers with the exception of the second vice-president.

The association promises to be a very active and energetic one, with aims beyond the formality of an annual banquet. While no endeavor will be made to keep up anything like a club house or club rooms, it will endeavor to bring the members together as often as possible and to keep up a lively and practical interest in all University and undergraduate affairs. The annual banquet is to be made *the* Lehigh banquet of the year and no effort will be spared to attract thither such a number of

alumni and others from without as will ensure this.

The membership at present is as follows: *Miles Rock, '69; J. P. S. Lawrence, '73; F. P. Spaulding, '80; R. W. Walker and J. A. Watson, '84; *Cabell Whitehead and Felix Freyhold, '85; J. A. Seibert and C. A. Junken '86; R. H. Phillips, '87; C. N. Butler, '88; J. W. Anderson, *Gustav Ayers, R. P. Barnard, C. H. Boynton, Emil Diebitsch, J. J. Lincoln, *C. H. Miller and J. M. O'Malley, '89; *E. J. Prindle, A. E. Phillips, H. J. Sherman and Herbert Wright, '90. F. A. Weihe, '89, at present attending Johns Hopkins, was also at the banquet.

*Absent from banquet.

THE INTERCOLLEGIATE LACROSSE ASSOCIATION.

THE delegates to the Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association met at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City, on Feb. 14, Lehigh being represented by Elias Vander Horst, '91. Princeton withdrew its team, stating that this year no grounds could be obtained for practice. It was thought that next year this difficulty could be remedied, and if so a team would be put into the field. The championship banner for 1890 was formally awarded to Lehigh. No applications for admission to the League were received.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. W. Blunt of Lehigh, president; T. E. Penniman of Johns Hopkins, vice-president, and E. F. Hill of Stevens, secretary and treasurer. The last two, with H. C. Banks of Lehigh, form the executive committee.

FRESHMAN CLASS SUPPER.

THE first annual banquet of the Freshman Class occurred at the Hotel Allen, Allentown, on Saturday evening, Feb. 7. About fifty men went up on the 8.36 Lehigh Valley train and at 9 o'clock sat down to discuss the menu.

The toasts were interrupted by the approach of Sunday, only half of the speakers being heard. Messrs. Merrill and Anderson were

particularly applauded. The list of toasts was as follows: "'94," W. H. Miller; "Foot-Ball," H. N. Adams; "The Ladies," W. C. Anderson; "'93," W. S. Merrill; "Cane Rush," E. Leech; "Posters," A. Weymouth; "Base-Ball," W. Coleman; "'92," F. S. Smithers.

The menu card was printed in blue ink, its cover was blue and the leaves were bound together with blue and gold ribbon, representing the class colors. The committee in charge consisted of H. Adams, E. A. Grissinger, A. Anderson, A. B. Enbody and E. P. Van Mater.

SOPHOMORE CLASS SUPPER.

FOLLOWING close upon the steps of the Freshmen, the Sophomores had their second annual banquet on February 10. The Hotel Allen was again the scene of the festivities, which were carried on into the morning, the party returning by a special train about 1 o'clock.

The menu was excellent, surpassing all previous suppers, and it was late before C. W. Gearhart, as toastmaster, called upon S. B. Knox to respond to "Looking Backward," afterwards speaking himself on "Our Class." Then followed: "The Faculty," C. H. Durfee; "Cuts," H. D. McCaskey; "That Infinitesimal Increment, '94," S. L. Graham; "Ball (with feet or hands)," C. W. Throckmorton; "The Aristocracy," J. O. Mathewson; "The New Arrivals," H. B. Shipley, and "The Deceased," H. B. Wilkins. Messrs. Durfee and Wilkins received the major part of the applause, deserving it by their witty remarks. Several men were called on for impromptu toasts, which were well rendered and received. Every one enjoyed himself and the committee, composed of Robert Ferriday, N. M. Osborne and E. M. Sawtelle, came in for a large share of praise. To their taste was due the simple and pretty menu card.

—Dr. Worcester and the Rev. H. S. Fisher, '87, assistant minister of the Church of the Nativity, will be ordained to the priesthood on Trinity Sunday.

THE GERMAN CLUB DANCE.

THE German Club of the Junior Class gave a most enjoyable and successful dance on Tuesday evening, Feb. 10, at the Eagle Hotel. Invitations had been issued to the upper classmen in the University and to many of the men of the Bethlehems, most of whom accepted, it being the last pre-Lenten festivity.

W. W. Blunt, '92, led the cotillion with Miss Coppée, and the figures chosen were at once pretty and unique. The favors, kindly contributed by the ladies of Bethlehem, were extremely tasteful, one of the gentlemen's sets being cornucopias of bristol board tied with the Junior colors, on the faces of which were pen and ink sketches, many of them representing some of the college men present. The universal verdict was a favorable one, in view of which fact the club will continue the series after Easter.

The patronesses were Mrs. C. M. Dodson, Mrs. W. B. Myers, Mrs. R. P. Linderman and Mrs. R. H. Wilbur. The committee from the class: C. M. Case, chairman; Percival Drayton, A. E. Jessup, J. E. Jones and S. W. Labrot.

GEORGE BRIGGS.

GEORGE BRIGGS, a member of '91, died of heart clot at his home in Scranton on Thursday, Feb. 5th. He was suffering at the time from hardening of the lung and his condition was known by his family to be desperate, but his death was not thought to be so near. The news came with a great shock to his friends here, who had not realized the serious nature of the illness that had taken him away from his college duties. There were many saddened faces among his classmates when they met to appoint a committee to draw up resolutions expressing their sorrow at the sudden close of a bright career.

These are the resolutions as adopted:

In behalf of the Class of 1891, we desire to express our sincere sorrow at the death of George Briggs, at the loss of one whose virtues made him dear to all.

We wish to bear witness to the manliness of his character, to his never failing kindness, to his concern for the welfare of others, and to the genial pleasantness of his life. While we are sad at the thought of seeing his face no more, we can rejoice that the influences of his life were felt among us, and that his memory still remains to us.

We extend our deepest sympathy to all those who, even more sadly than we, have had to mourn his death.

HERMAN BORHEK,
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CALENDAR.

- February 22.—Washington's Birthday. Christian Association meeting in the Gymnasium at 6.30 P.M.
- February 23.—Junior Oratorical Contest, Memorial Chapel.
- February 27.—Lafayette College Winter Meeting, at Easton, in the evening.
- March 1.—Christian Association meeting in the Gymnasium at 6.30 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:—The absence system may seem to the readers of THE BURR to be a worn-out topic, but it is nevertheless a problem the proper solution of which means a great deal to the faculty and students of the University. We have had various trials of new plans during the last few years and there is now well under way a departure from

all previous systems, the one adopted in September last.

The main object which the faculty desired to accomplish was the abolition of false excuses, and this result has undoubtedly been attained, since no excuses are now accepted. At the same time another evil has been corrected, in that under the present system promiscuous cutting is well nigh impossible.

Thus far, but only thus far, would the trial seem to be a very successful one, but there are two points yet to be decided.

First—Are the absence rolls diminished as compared with the old rule?

Second—Are the absences incurred more prejudicial to the students than those of previous years?

In the first place I believe that the absences are not diminished but increased by the present method, in proof of which I would refer to the lists read in chapel on Tuesdays, where in place of the one, two or three cuts to a man, formerly read out, there are fifteen to thirty for the same space of time. Promiscuous cutting is now out of date, and in its stead has come the far more dangerous evil of continued vacation from University exercises, so that even if the total number, when taking into consideration the college at large, is less than formerly, the number of men who overstretch the limit is certainly greater.

And this brings us to the second point, viz., the effect of the cuts incurred now, as compared with those of former times.

It is an undisputed fact that a continued absence from any given subject is more harmful than the same number of absences occurring at random throughout the term; this is evident on the face of it. One, evil therefore, is merely overcome by the substitution of a greater one. Nor is it my place to offer any explanation of the manner in which the student obtains "evidence that either all or some considerable part of the absences were actually unavoidable;" I merely point to facts.

If, then, all this be so, is it not reasonable to

suppose that the faculty has not yet completely solved the problem? They are nearer the desired end than ever before, it is true, but I think there is yet an advance to be made. There are many good absence systems and in my opinion that in which each professor has charge of the absences in his own department is the best.

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DE ALUMNIS.

(Contributions to this Department solicited.)

'71.—Jacob N. Barr, M. E., superintendent of motive power for the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, is president for the current year of the Western Railway Club. His address is 3028 Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

'74.—O. M. Jenks, A. C., formerly superintendent and chemist at E. C. Knight & Co.'s sugar refinery, Philadelphia, has recently sailed for Cuba, where he is now superintendent of the Refineria de Azucar at Cardenas.

'82.—The following is an extract from an article in a recent issue of the *Colliery Engineer*: "Mr. Elmer H. Lawall, late general manager of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Coal Co., has assumed the duties of superintendent of Wyoming Division of the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co. Mr. Lawall will also have charge of the real estate department of the company, and will attend to other duties formerly managed from the New York office. Mr. Lawall will prove a valuable acquisition to the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Co. He is a native of Bethlehem, Pa., and was educated in the Moravian school, and Lehigh University, from which he graduated as a civil and mining engineer, taking the highest honors of his class. About two years ago he accepted the position of general manager of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Coal Co., and has proven himself to be an executive officer of much ability. He has materially lessened the cost of production of coal, and has effected a large number of reforms that have been a great advantage to the business of the company. His worth was appreciated, and strong efforts

were made to retain his services. Mr. Lawall is an able engineer and good manager of men, and under his charge the company's business will be well cared for."

'83.—Alfred E. Forstall, M. E., is now engaged on construction work for the Newark Gas Light Co., at Newark, N. J.

'85.—Felix Freyhold, C. E., is now draughtsman in the Bureau of Yards and Docks in the Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

'87.—Milton H. Fehnel, B. S., A. C., has been advanced to the position of chief chemist for E. C. Knight & Co., sugar refiners, in place of O. M. Jenks, A. C., '74. His address is 601 Swanson Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

'87.—Robert H. Phillips, C. E., has left the U. S. Geological Survey and is at present at the office of Robert A. Phillips & Son, 1425 New York Avenue, Washington, D. C.

'88.—Charles N. Butler, C. E., has removed from Easton, and may now be addressed at Room 221, U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

'88.—Charles H. Miller, C. E., has left Sioux City, Ia., and has returned to the Third District of the Mississippi River Improvement. He is engaged on construction work at Greenville, Miss., under Mr. Arthur J. Hider, U. S. assistant engineer.

'88.—Alfred E. Lewis, jr., B. S., E. M., has entered into copartnership with William C. Henderson under the firm name of Henderson & Lewis, as analytical and consulting chemists and mining engineers. Their office is at 20 Bates Block, Chattanooga, Tenn.

'88.—James B. Glover, jr., M. E., has lately invented a lubricator for locomotive driving and truck boxes, which is in use on the Marietta & North Georgia Railroad. The *National Car and Locomotive Builder* published a letter from him in which he says that the lubricator economizes oil and time, is cheap and reliable, and that it is made entirely of metal, there being no wicks, pads, or other absorbents used in its construction. It gives great satisfaction where it has been tried.

'89.—Archibald Johnston, M. E., was married to Miss Estelle S. Borhek, in the Moravian Church in Bethlehem, on Tuesday evening, February 12.

'89.—Clarence Walker, B. S., E. M., is assistant mining engineer of the Berwind-White Coal Mining Co. Address: Horatio, Jefferson Co., Pa.

'89.—Charles H. Miller, A. C., is at present assistant chemist to Dr. Frederick P. Dewey, whose Washington laboratory and metallurgical works are located at 621 F Street, Washington, D. C.

'90.—C. A. P. Turner, C. E., is with the N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co. His address is 180 Summer Street, Boston, Mass.

'90.—David G. Hearne, C. E., has been pursuing a post-graduate course in Electrical Engineering at Johns Hopkins University. Address, 11 East Franklin Street, Baltimore, Md.

'90.—George Nauman, jr., C. E., is in the general office of the Pennsylvania R. R., 224 South Eighth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

'90.—Robt. E. Neumeyer, C. E., is draughtsman in the engineer's office of the Church Valley Division of the Norfolk & Western Railroad. His address is St. Paul, Wise Co., Va.

'90.—Thomas C. J. Bailey, C. E., has recently changed his address to 40 North Ninth Street, Newark, N. J.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

IT seems that the spirit of criticism is abroad among our exchanges. We find one protesting against the doleful tone of college verse, another against the circulation of absurd and untrue statements, served to a confiding public as college or athletic notes, another against the lack of literary ability evidenced by the editorial boards of some papers, and so on, till one is almost wearied of this carping, critical vein. We also have a grievance, not so much in the line of criticism, perhaps, but we do not like to see the weak and defenceless imposed upon.

When a person has shouldered a reasonable portion of life's burdens it is considered an injustice to impose other duties upon him, and it is an imposition which he would most justly resent, and in so doing he would enlist the sympathies of a majority of mankind. Why is it, then, that, though we do not impose upon those able to retaliate, we do not hesitate to wrong the defenceless, who must meekly bear the indignities we heap upon them. It is a disgrace to the innate honesty of mankind. We like to see fair play and hasten to take up arms in behalf of the poor, exhausted, decrepit college news item.

What a life of drudgery is that of the item! It makes its first appearance possibly in the pages of some college daily and, happy in the unconsciousness of its fate, starts smiling on its ceaseless round, through the weeklies, the bi-weeklies, the monthlies, lits, and quarterlies, till it becomes the property of some high-school paper and begins anew its rounds in that sphere, ever and anon appearing as a bright, newsy item in some larger paper. Saddest of all is the fact that to the weary item comes no welcome relief by death—it is immortal, and in the ages to come will still be doing yeoman duty in filling up space. We can see in the Daily Trumpet of the American University for May 10, 2762, the fact that "it has been proposed to establish a course of instruction in the Irish language at the University of Pennsylvania," and possibly the same issue will contain the startling revelation that "the girls of Bethlehem, Pa., have formed an Anti-Students' club, and agreed not to receive attentions from the students of the Lehigh University."

Once upon a time, so long ago that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, some poor, misguided individual announced the fact that "the oldest college in the world is the Mohammedan College at Cairo, Egypt. It was eighteen hundred years old when Oxford was founded," and to-day it appears with the most startling regularity in one or

the other of our exchanges. It is a fate to which that of the Wandering Jew is not to be compared. This time-honored item might have been news at some time during the fifteenth century or before, but now it can only be interesting as a relic of the dark ages. It is now universally acknowledged that Daniel Webster contributed to the first college paper which was published at Dartmouth in 1800. If so, why the following?—"The first college paper published in America was the *Dartmouth Gazette*, which was founded in 1800, to which Daniel Webster contributed." Why not let this much abused item take its well-earned repose, and why not place its emaciated carcass with reverential care alongside the whitening bones of the great Daniel? Over both should be put, that all may read: "Here lies Daniel Webster and his item."

There are hundreds of other items we might cite as examples of the pertinacity of the editorial mind. We will print a few:

"The western 'oration factory' is said to have done business to the extent of \$1000 last year with Cornell."

"There are 190 college papers in the United States, and only one in England. Of these there are four dailies."

"A cane rush caused the suspension of the entire Freshman Class of a western university for thirty days."

We had thought that the larger and better papers were exempt from this exhibition of a bulldozing spirit in imposing upon the good nature of these items palsied by age, but when we see the Princeton *Tiger* printing the following, and that, too, without credit, we give up all hopes:

"Non paratus," dixit Freshie,
Cum a sad and doleful look;
"Omne rectum," Prof. respondit,
Et "nihil" scripsit in his book.

This is so old that possibly the *Tiger* may not have been able to find the name of the author, but we should think that at least they would put in quotation marks if for nothing

else than for a due respect to its age. Our spirit has been broken by this last exhibition of heartless cruelty toward a poetic item and we retire, leaving the field to the remorseless hunter for news.

KERNELS.

—S. D. Warriner, '90, spent Sunday, February 15th, in town.

—Bishop Rulison lectured to the Senior Class in Christian Evidences, Tuesday, February 10.

—Prof. Doolittle has recently spent several days in Washington, working at the National Observatory.

—The Lehigh Valley Rail Road has presented the Electrical Department with one of its dynamos.

—Prof. Merriman has purchased the old Ferriday house on Fountain Hill and will shortly occupy it.

—The caps for the foot-ball team have arrived. They are of brown cloth and have embroidered in white on the front the letters, "L. U. F. B. T."

—The gymnasium has recently received an addition to its apparatus, in the form of a pair of adjustable parallel bars.

—Manager Coates hopes to be able to secure either John Ward or Bob Matthews as trainer for the base-ball team.

—The Post-Seniors will probably visit the mines at Pottsville and other places in the state in the near future.

—Hereafter all announcements of changes in the editorial board of THE BURR will be found among the Kernels.

—The Phi Gamma Deltas gave a dance at their fraternity house on Church Street, Friday evening, February 6.

—J. S. Griggs, '91, gave an afternoon tea at his rooms on Pawnee Street, Friday, February 6th, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

—About thirty members of the Junior Class of Stevens Institute visited the Bethlehem Iron Works on Saturday, February 14.

—Coates, '90, will represent Lehigh at the meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and will vote with Harvard to drop the tug of war from the list of events. Stevens wishes to establish safety bicycle races, and St. John's will propose as a new event the putting of a 56 lb. weight.

—In the handicap chess tournament, Walker, '92, still leads and will probably win the handsome gold medal offered as a prize by the club.

—The Indoor Meeting will occur on the evening of March 6. Hitherto the meetings have been held in the afternoon, but it is thought the evening hours will prove more convenient to many.

—The chess tournament with Lafayette, on the 7th, resulted in a victory for Lehigh by a score of 12½ games to 7½. Another tournament, with fifteen men on a side, will be played in the near future.

—The Rev. Harvey S. Fisher, B. A., '87, occupied the chapel pulpit on Sunday, February 8th, in Dr. Worcester's absence. Mr. Fisher is the first graduate to preach in the University Chapel.

—A delegation of twenty or more, comprising members of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, the the Electrical Engineering Society and Tan Beta Pi, went to Scranton on Saturday, February 7th, to attend the funeral of George Briggs.

—At the meeting of the Classical Club, held Saturday evening, February 7th, a paper was read by Topping, '91, on "The Roman Schools," and one by Shimer, '91, "The Origin of the Grecian Myths." G. Stern, '93, was elected secretary to succeed E. B. Byllesby, '93, resigned.

—The museum of natural history has recently been the recipient of a handsome specimen in the shape of a large tarpon, presented by Mr. J. E. Brodhead, of Flemington, New Jersey. The fish is 6 feet 8½ inches long and weighed 122 pounds when caught. It was hooked by Mr. Brodhead in Carlos Bay, Gulf of Mexico, during February, 1890.

—The officers of the orchestra are: Gibbs, '91, musical director; Loeb, '93, president; Escobar, '91, manager. There are nine members, Blickle and Loeb, '93, and Gladding, '94, being first violins; Landis, '90, second violin; Schumann, '94, piano; Escobar, '91, flute; McCaskey, '93, clarinet; Mohr (special), cello; Bartholomew, '94, first cornet; W. Jones, '93, second cornet, and Hall, '94, trombone.

—The American Protective Tariff League offers three prizes aggregating \$300 to senior college students, for essays on the "Effect of Protection on the purchasing power of wages in the United States." The essays, not to ex-

ceed eight thousand words, signed by a fictitious name, must be sent to the office of the League on or before April 1, 1891. The awards will be made June 1.

—Those in training for lacrosse are: D. A. Usina, Eavenson and Vander Horst, '91, Blunt, Semple, Denman, Gjertsen, Mosman, Millar, Rhoads, W. R. Davis, Coleman and Jacoby, '92, Durfee, Ferriday, Jacobs, Jones, Carman, Rights, Patterson, O'Neil, Peck and Steinmetz, '93, W. C. Miller, Denman, Donohue, Jaudon, Crawford, Hilliard, McCullough, Sykes, Baton, Mollman, Passano and Polhemus, '94, and McFarland.

—The attempt to form a state intercollegiate base-ball league has been defeated by the refusal of the University of Pennsylvania to co-operate with Lehigh and Lafayette. The partly acknowledged and only assignable reason is that entering such a league would materially wreck Pennsylvania's team, on account of the number of its professional players. When a college team is debarred from entering an association from this cause, college athletics are in a bad way.

—The following men are in training for base-ball: For catcher, Belfield, Gadd and Ritchey, '93, Fletcher and Petriken, '94; for pitcher, Throckmorton, '93, Clagget, Enright, Graham, Bray, Gallagher and Petriken, '94; for infield, Jones and Woodcock, '92, Throckmorton, Gearhart, Hutchinson, Cressman, Tarleton, Sawtelle and Weatherby, '93, Ferguson, Warner, Johnson, Yearick, Thompson, Hipkins, Gee, Richardson and Floyd, '94; for outfield, McClung, Downey, Fuller, Atkins and Gadd, '93, Enbody, Bard, Merrill, Curtis, Coleman and Roderick, '94. All desiring to train are required to strictly observe the rules posted upon the bulletin board.

—THE BURR does not believe in praising itself, preferring rather to have its merits alluded to by others. However, when we receive notes like these we are glad to think our efforts are appreciated. "THE BURR is a very welcome guest every two weeks, and I only wish it came oftener. It keeps up the high standard that it has attained in the college world of journalism and I for one wish to congratulate the editorial staff. I would like to see it a weekly in the near future." That came from Washington and the next is from Boston. "I enjoy THE BURR very much this year and should like to congratulate the management upon its success."

COLLEGE NOTES.

—The Harvard *Crimson* has gone under the charge of the '92 board.

—Dr. Austin Scott, the new president of Rutgers, was inaugurated on February 4.

—The average age of men entering the University of Michigan is 17 years 1-2 months.

—At the annual meeting of the trustees of Oberlin, Rev. Wm. Gay Ballentine, D. D., was elected to the presidency of the college.

—President Dwight of Yale is president of the American Society for University and School Extension.

—The Senior class at Rutgers will probably present a stained glass window to the college as its memorial.

—The trustees of the Chicago University have decided to ask the citizens of Chicago for \$500,000 more to expend for buildings.

—Prof. Theodore Dwight, of Columbia, has presented his resignation, having served thirty-three years, and will be made professor emeritus.

—The Boston Herald names a company that did business last year of \$10,000 on \$3,000 capital. The Harvard Coöperative Society did a business of \$70,000 on \$5,000.

—Charles Lennig, of Philadelphia, has left \$700,000 to the University of Pennsylvania, \$500,000 to go to the Towne Scientific School, and the remaining \$200,000 to be used to found scholarships.

—The president of Amherst has requested each student to hand in an itemized statement of his expenses for the last college year. The object is to find the average expense of a course. Statements are entirely confidential and not compulsory.

—Elizabeth Perkins Fogg has left to Harvard University \$200,000 for the building of an art museum, together with the very valuable art collection made by her late husband, and \$20,000 for the maintenance of the museum.

ATHLETIC NOTES.

—There are at present 137 men trying for the Mott Haven team at Harvard.

—Seven of Andover's last year's foot-ball team will enter Yale this fall.

—Out of twenty-nine candidates for the Yale nine, ten are trying for pitcher's position.

—The Freshmen at Yale from St. Paul's School show the best physical development.

—The average weight of the Yale 'Varsity crew candidates at present is 170 1-9 pounds.

—The class of '92 at Columbia holds the class championship in base-ball, foot-ball and rowing.

—Roddy, '91, Princeton, has been elected to the captaincy of the Mott Haven team, in place of Black, '91, resigned.

—Some of the New York athletes who participated in the U. of P. A. A. indoor meetings have charged the judges with having awarded prizes to men who won them unfairly.

—Columbia will join the Intercollegiate Cricket Association, which has hitherto consisted of Harvard, University of Pennsylvania and Haverford.

The lacrosse prospects at Johns Hopkins are very flattering; eight old men are back and the candidates include a number of well known players.

—The Harvard and Yale rowing managements are soon to have a meeting to discuss the advisability of holding the races elsewhere than at New London.

—The Princeton Faculty Athletic Committee are considering the advisability of forbidding students to take part in any outside athletic contests during term time, except in the intercollegiate championship meeting, and in games with other colleges.

—W. C. Johnson, the champion amateur 100-yard swimmer of America, recently broke the world's record for 100 feet in the M. A. C. swimming tank, covering the distance in 20 seconds.

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